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What is claimed is:

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- 1 1. A method for creating a user network interface, comprising the steps of:
 - 2 (a) obtaining user profile information;
 - 3 (b) gathering information from one or more users regarding product characteristics;
 - 4 (c) correlating the user responses;
 - 5 (d) performing statistical analysis of the user responses; and
 - 6 (e) presenting the statistical analysis in a user comprehensible manner.
 - 1 2. A method for creating a user network interface as recited in claim 1, including the step of
2 storing statistical ratings in a database correlated to a particular product or service.
 - 1 3. A method for creating a user network interface as recited in claim 1, including the step of
2 providing ratings to a user from the database based on a particular product or service.
 - 1 4. A method for creating a user network interface as recited in claim 1, including the step of
2 querying the database to retrieve one or more user profiles that have rated a product of
3 interest to the current user.
 - 1 5. A method for creating a user network interface as recited in claim 1, including the step of
2 statistically analyzing the one or more user profiles to identify those profiles that correlate
3 with the current user profile.
 - 1 6. A method for creating a user network interface as recited in claim 1, including the step of
2 statistically analyzing one or more user profiles that correspond to the current user profile
3 to create one or more composite statistics.

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- 1 10 An apparatus that creates an information summary, comprising;
- 2 (a) a processor;
- 3 (b) a memory that stores information under the control of the processor;
- 4 (c) logic that obtains user profile information;
- 5 (d) logic that gathers information from one or more users regarding product characteristics;
- 6 (e) logic that correlates the user responses;
- 7 (f) logic that performs statistical analysis of the user responses; and
- 8 (g) logic that presents the statistical analysis in a user comprehensible manner.

- 1 11. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary, comprising:
3 (a) a code segment that obtains user profile information;
4 (b) a code segment that gathers information from one or more users regarding product
5 characteristics;
6 (c) a code segment that correlates the user responses;
7 (d) a code segment that performs statistical analysis of the user responses; and
8 (e) a code segment that presents the statistical analysis in a user comprehensible manner.

1 12. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that stores statistical ratings
3 in a database correlated to a particular product or service.

1 13. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that provides ratings to a
3 user from the database based on a particular product or service.

1 14. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that queries the database to
3 retrieve one or more user profiles that have rated a product of interest to the current user.

1 15. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that statistically analyzes the
3 one or more user profiles to identify those profiles that correlate with the current user
4 profile.

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1 16. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that statistically analyzes one
3 or more user profiles that correspond to the current user profile to create one or more
4 composite statistics.

1 17. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that creates a template based
3 on features of a product.

1 18. A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium that creates an
2 information summary as recited in claim 11, including logic that combines a template of
3 information and one or more composite statistics to prepare a user display.

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